

The Office Action admits that "Quanrud does not disclose a timing detection device that detects timing to drive the pixels in the peripheral region of the display panel," but asserts that Kawata makes up for the deficiencies of Quanrud. However, under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) Kawata is not a proper reference since Kawata can only qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Kawata has a filing date of June 1, 1999 and an issue date of November 6, 2001. The present application was filed on September 27, 2001, which is prior to the issue date of Kawata. Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Quanrud in view of Kawata is improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be withdrawn.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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